

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 2729 - SB 2980**

March 7, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Limits attorney fees in workers compensation cases to:

- No more than 20% of the amount of settlements reached at a benefit review conference or the amount a workers' compensation specialist certifies as a good faith offer made at a benefit review conference; and
- No more than 10% of any differences between a good faith offer made at a benefit review conference and an amount awarded by judgement of the court.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **MINIMAL**

Bill does not impact the state's claim program that is self-insured pursuant to TCA 9-8-307. The state does not participate in the workers' compensation benefit review conference. Attorney fees are usually paid from worker compensation awards, not in addition to such awards.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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